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NEW BATMAN!

The "Knightfall" storyline reaches its thunderous climax this month in BATMAN #500, a 64-page landmark issue available in two spectacular editions. The Collector's Edition features a die-cut overcover teasing a foil-enhanced cover with art of the new Batman costume by Joe Quesada.

It's Batman's most dramatic change ever! BATMAN #500 introduces the Dark Knight's shocking new costume as Batman sets out for his final confrontation with the drug-enhanced criminal mastermind Bane.

But *this* Batman *isn't* Bruce Wayne!

The new Dark Knight is Jean Paul Valley, the avenging angel known as Azrael, who has been programmed since birth to become an assassin. Azrael, who assumed the identity of Batman after the original's grievous injuries at Bane's hands in BATMAN #497, quickly learns that the old rules no longer apply. If Azrael is to *be* the Batman... it *has* to be on *his* terms!

But Bruce Wayne is by no means out of the picture as, while recovering from his injuries, he and Alfred go undercover to solve the mystery of Robin's kidnapped father! "Knightquest: The Search" spins out of BATMAN #500 this month and into JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #5. And, simultaneously, the adventures of the new Batman continue this month in "Knightquest: The Crusade" in DETECTIVE COMICS #667 and BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #19.

BATMAN #500 is a 64-page issue appearing in both a special Collector's Edition featuring a die-cut overcover teasing a foil-enhanced cover with art of the new Batman costume by Joe Quesada and a Newsstand Edition, with a cover by Kelley Jones. But both editions feature the same dramatic story, told by writer Doug Moench with artists Jim Aparo and Terry Austin teamed on the first half of the tale, and Mike Manley illustrating the second half, as he makes his debut as the regular artist on BATMAN.

There's a *new* BATMAN on the block... and his story begins now!

SUPERMAN RETURNS

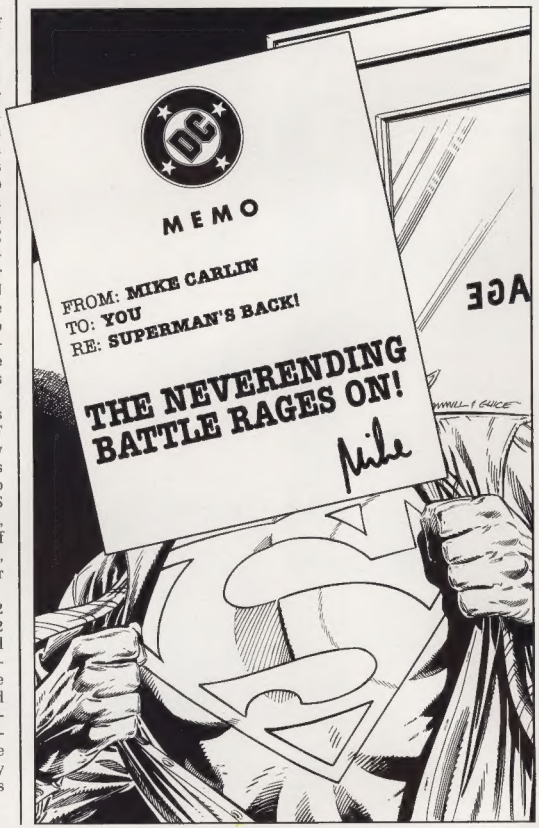
The "Reign of the Supermen" reaches its breathtaking conclusion as the one, *true* Superman stands revealed before the world in the pages of SUPERMAN #82 and ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505, both exciting issues appearing in two spectacular editions!

As the tension in "Reign of the Supermen" builds, Coast City, the home of Green Lantern, has been destroyed. Atop its ruins, the alien conqueror Mongul erects his Engine City, a nightmare of technology with which he intends to make Earth the new Warworld. The various Supermen—all still claiming to be the genuine article—join forces to invade Mongul's stronghold in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #26. A grief-stricken Hal Jordan, now out for blood, joins the fight in GREEN LANTERN #46, even as the Superman alliance begins to unravel. And, as the battle climaxes in SUPERMAN #82, the one, *true Superman* stands revealed at last.

This long-awaited event leads straight into ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505, as the new Superman era begins with his return to Metropolis... and to Lois. And in ACTION COMICS #692, immediately following, the the ramifications of Superman's return are explored, as the fates of the other Supermen are considered.

The SUPERMAN #82 Collector's Edition contains 32 pages of story with no ads and features a striking chromium-enhanced front cover. The SUPERMAN #82 Newsstand Edition is 40 pages (ads included), and sports a different, non-enhanced cover. Both feature the same action-packed story by writer/penciller Dan Jurgens and inker Brett Breeding. The ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505 COLLECTOR'S EDITION features a dramatic holographic foil cover. The ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN Newsstand Edition has a different, non-enhanced cover. Both editions feature the same story by writer Karl Kesel and artists Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood.

Which is the *real* SUPERMAN? The answer to the most-asked question in comics is revealed at last!



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THE METAL MEN ARE BACK!

THE METAL MEN return... in a story that will shock new and regular DC readers alike. The SUPERMAN #75 creative team of Mike Carlin, Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding bring this action-packed 4-issue miniseries to life and answer some shocking questions that were first hinted at years ago in the pages of SUPERMAN.

The adventure begins when a strange meteor crashes on Earth, and Doctor Will Magnus, creator of the Metal Men, reluctantly deploys his robotic creations to retrieve it.

But another party is also interested in the meteor, and won't hesitate to destroy the Metal Men to gain possession of it. In a devastating attack against Magnus Robotics, a secured chamber on Level 12 is forced open. What the Metal Men find inside shakes the team to the core, as secrets Magnus has long kept are revealed, and all that the Metal Men had previously understood about their origins is challenged. By this story's end, those revelations will have forever altered the team.

THE METAL MEN is a 4-issue miniseries written by Mike Carlin, with art and multicolored foil enhanced cover by Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding.

THE METAL MEN... their story isn't what you—or *they*—believed it to be!

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BATMAN T-SHIRT
The landmark BATMAN #500 is here... and to include fans in the excitement, DC offers this new, black 100% cotton T-shirt, emblazoned with a *striking new bat emblem* in gold metallic ink. The shirt's available in Medium, Large, and Extra-Large sizes. $14.95

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN ANNUAL #5
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA ANNUAL #7. The teenage Superman is electrified when *Sparx* — the latest infusion of New Blood in the DC Universe — makes her shocking debut in Metropolis! And, as the super-powered New Blood sprout up across the DC Universe, a strange family of meta-humans sacrifices its only non-powered child to the hideous extraterrestrial parasites! **BLOODLINES continues in HAWKMAN ANNUAL #1.** Written by Karl Kesel and Tom Grummett, pencilled by Ed Hannigan and inked by Andrew Pepoy. Cover by Mike Zeck and Karl Kesel. 64 pages. $2.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN

BATMAN #500 Collector's Edition
The hit "Knightfall" storyline concludes with a remarkable **die-cut overcover on a foil-enhanced cover** emblazoning one of the hottest comics of the year! With Bruce Wayne out of the picture, Azrael creates a shocking new vision of Batman (complete with a new costume designed by Joe Quesada) for this Dark Knight's final confrontation with Bane in the streets of Gotham City. While an injured Bruce Wayne searches for Robin's kidnapped father, the new Batman sets out to learn just what manner of Dark Knight he will be — and the stories of these two men become the focus of **"Knightquest,"** the dual storyline that spins out of BATMAN #500. **"Knightquest: The Crusade"** follows the exploits of the new Batman and continues this month in DETECTIVE COMICS #667 and BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #19. **"Knightquest: The Search,"** about Bruce Wayne, continues this month in JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #5. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo, Mike Manley, and Terry Austin. This special Collector's Edition features a die-cut overcover on a foil-enhanced cover by Joe Quesada. 64 pages. $3.95

BATMAN #500 Newsstand Edition
The Newsstand Edition contains the same incredible story by writer Doug Moench and artists Jim Aparo, Mike Manley, and Terry Austin as the Collector's Edition, but with a striking cover by Kelley Jones. 64 pages. $2.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #52
Part 1 of the 2-part "Tao": A gang war in Gotham City's Chinatown forces Batman on a collision course with Dragon, a mystically-trained martial arts assassin from China. Dragon's main target is Johnny Kahn, a man Batman is trying to bring to justice. But Dragon has a second target — Batman himself, who was, as a youth, a training rival of Dragon's in the Far East! Written by Alan Grant, with art and cover by Arthur Ranson. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

BATMAN: VENOM trade paperback
This trade paperback collects the story arc from BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #16-20 and **features an embossed cover.** VENOM foreshadows the chilling events of "Knightfall." In this story, you'll learn more about the terrible drug that created Bane. When the Dark Knight fails to save a little girl from drowning, he decides he must augment his natural abilities through the use of drugs... a decision with devastating consequences. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Trevor Von Eeden, Russell Braun, and José Luis García-López. Color is supplied by Steve Oliff, and the collection also includes a special introduction by O'Neil. Embossed, painted cover by Russell Braun. 136 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $9.95

BATMAN: VENOM trade paperback

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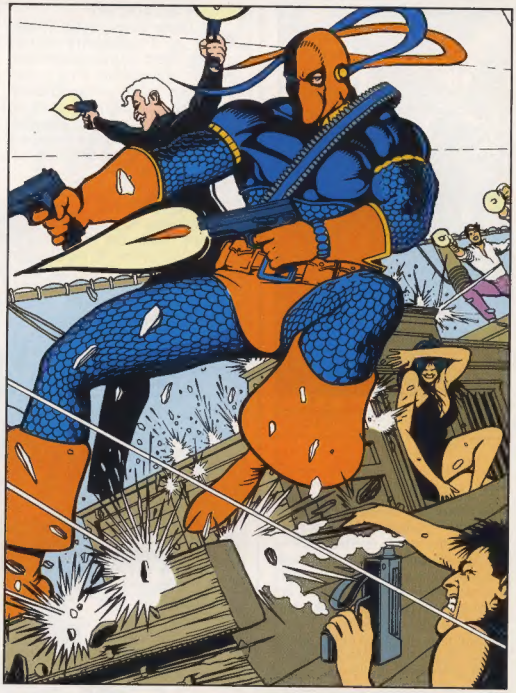
CHAIN GANG WAR #4
Special guest star Deathstroke, the Terminator joins the hunt for the Chain Gang. And in a series where no one is safe, the Animal confronts Curtis with a chainsaw! Written by John Wagner, with art and cover by Dave Johnson and John Dell. *(New Format)* $1.75

CHAIN GANG WAR #4

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #29
Part 3 of the 7-part "Deathstroke's World Tour": India and Hong Kong are the latest ports of call on Deathstroke's search for his kidnapped ex-wife Addie. But this personal mission takes an unexpected turn when Addie sides with her abductor! Plus, more secrets of the kidnapper's identity are revealed, including his reasons for wanting a suit of armor so badly he'd kill for it. Next stop is France, in DEATHSTROKE ANNUAL #2. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. Cover by Kevin Maguire. *(New Format)* $1.75

FLASH #82
Flash and guest star Nightwing race to find the captured Starfire, while The Combine — the high-tech mob — callously drains her power for their final, deadly assault on Keystone and Central Cities. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan, Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.25



DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #29

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #17

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #17
It's Green Lantern John Stewart vs. Hal Jordan, Kilowog, Flash, Power Girl, Martian Manhunter and Guy Gardner! But even if John saves the Mosaic from this combined might, he won't stop the aliens from taking back their cities and destroying the Mosaic entirely. Written by Gerard Jones and illustrated by Luke McDonnell. Cover by McDonnell. $1.25

HARDWARE #8
A rogue SYSTEM agent gives Hardware more information about that secret organization, and Curt learns that he isn't the first high-tech vigilante to fight this war. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art and cover by Denys Cowan and Mike Manley. $1.50

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HARDWARE #8

☐ **LEGIONNAIRES #7**
Following its battle with the Fatal Five, a troop of Legionnaires seeks some much needed R&R in the Atlantis Dome... but after "seahorsing" around for awhile, the team discovers that several Atlanteans are missing — or perhaps brutally murdered! Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by guest artists Adam Hughes and Mark Farmer. Cover by Hughes. $1.25

LEGIONNAIRES #7

☐ **THE SPECTRE #11**
A titanic cosmic battle of wills ensues as The Spectre battles Azmodus, his opposite number, while an unprotected Amy comes face to face with the vicious Reaver. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Tom Mandrake. **This issue features a painted cover by renowned fantasy artist Greg Hildebrandt.** *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **STAR TREK® #53**
Someone has tampered with time and wiped out the Romulan Empire! With the aid of the Guardian of Forever, Kirk and his crew must set history back on its correct path... whatever the consequences! Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rod Whigham and Arne Starr. Cover by Whigham and Carlos Garzón. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #51**
In a story set during Dr. Pulaski's tour of duty, Troi is possessed by ancient lifeforms that are draining all power from the *Enterprise*™. Written by Judith and Garfield Reeves-Stevens, pencilled by Peter Krause, and inked by Michael Christian. Cover by Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #26**
The **"Reign of the Supermen"** continues from ACTION COMICS #691. It's do or die (again?) as the *Men* of Steel invade Mongul's Engine City! **Continued in GREEN LANTERN #46, and concluded in SUPERMAN #82.** Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

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SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #26

☐ **VALOR #12**
In Part 1 of "D.O.A.," Valor confronts L.E.G.I.O.N.'s Vril Dox over his imprisonment on Starlag and the failure of his life-saving antilead serum. The answers he finds lead to devastating conclusions for Valor. Plus, it's love at first sight as Valor falls for a young woman who will have a profound effect on his future. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Jeffrey Moore and Michael Sellers. Cover by Adam Hughes and Joe Rubinstein. $1.25

☐ **WONDER WOMAN #79**
Mayfly, the super-fast assassin, was quick enough to take out the Flash... and now she's stalking Wonder Woman and Etta Candy! Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Steve Carr, Deryl Skelton, and Ande Parks. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25

VALOR #12

WONDER WOMAN #79

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #18
Part 3 of "The God of Fear," tying in with "Knightfall": Gotham City is in flames as the Scarecrow releases his fear gas everywhere and demands to be named "God of Fear." Meanwhile, Anarky blames Batman for the level of crime in Gotham and sets a deadly trap for him. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Bret Blevins. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

DC COMICS TEMPORARY TATTOOS
DC is the first comics publisher to offer temporary tattoos, a cool new product featuring the hottest characters in comics.

BATMAN TEMPORARY TATTOOS
Just in time for the culmination of "Knightfall" in BATMAN #500 is this package of two temporary tattoos with original art by Kelley Jones, cover artist of BATMAN and DETECTIVE COMICS during the "Knightfall" storyline. $3.95

BLACK CANARY #10
Nightwing and the Huntress guest-star as they try to rescue Black Canary from Symitar slavery. But opposition from the U.S. government may make her freedom difficult to achieve. Written by Sarah Byam, with art and cover by Trevor Von Eeden and Bob Smith. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE DEMON #40
The Demon embarks on a new and darker direction with writer Garth Ennis, as black-leather biker Johnny Basterson summons up one of Etrigan's old pals to desecrate some holy ground and raise some hell! But the Demon has his own ideas. Written by Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.75

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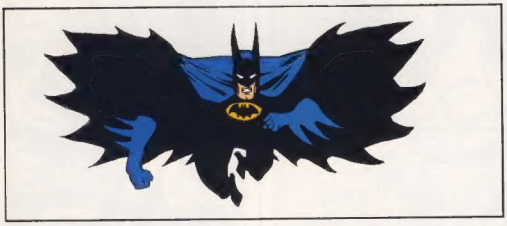

BATMAN TEMPORARY TATTOOS

ECLIPSO #12
The Shadow Fighters (the Creeper, Manhunter Mark Shaw, Commander Steel, Peacemaker, Major Victory, Dr. Midnight, and the female Wildcat) covertly slip into Parador to attack Eclipso in his lair... but Eclipso is ready for them, and their mission may be doomed before it's even begun! Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art by Audwynn Jermaine Newman and Ray Kryssing. $1.25

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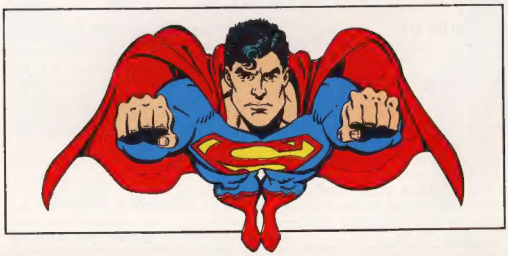
Coinciding with the exciting developments in SUPERMAN #82 and ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505 as the "Reign of the Supermen" storyline concludes, DC offers this package of two temporary tattoos with orginal art by Dan Jurgens, artist of SUPERMAN. $3.95



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GREEN LANTERN #46
A **"Reign of the Supermen"** tie-in, continued from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #26! The new Supermen join Green Lantern to fight for the fate of Earth in the wake of Mongul's destruction of Coast City. But as the Supermen fight among themselves, Green Lantern is powerless against Mongul. **"Reign of the Supermen"** concludes in SUPERMAN #82. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

HAWKMAN #2
Tracking down the man who hired Deadline to attack the Netherworld, Hawkman finds himself challenged by Green Lantern, who's out to learn just who this latest incarnation of Hawkman really is, leading to a three-way battle with Meta-Tech and its battle-armored agent, Marauder. Written by John Ostrander, with art and cover by Jan Duursema and Rick Magyar. *(New Format)* $1.75

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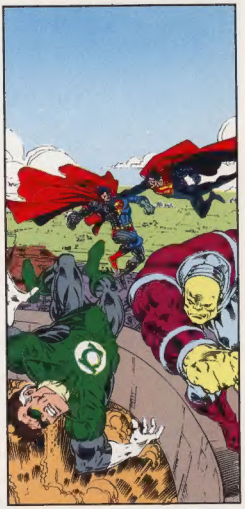

GREEN LANTERN #46

HAWKMAN #2

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HAWKMAN ANNUAL #1
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN ANNUAL #5. Recovering from a vicious attack by the alien parasite Lissik, outcast Josh Xan of the Netherworld becomes the rebellious and angry *Mongrel*, a being whose hostility can erupt as physical force, and this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. Hawkman, out to bring down Lissik himself, may not survive long enough to learn if Mongrel will be friend or foe. **Continued in DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #2.** Written by John Ostrander, with art by Jan Duursema, Steven Lieber, and Rick Magyar. Cover by Duursema and Magyar. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

ICON #6
Rocket comes to the aid of the recently pulped Icon, and then, while Icon and the Blood Syndicate engage in Round Two, Rocket goes head to head with Wise Son. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. $1.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #81
The League is caught between a super-powered alien race, Earth's governments, and a seemingly helpless pair of interstellar refugees. Picking a side in the fight isn't easy... especially when the enforcer turns out to be Captain Atom! Written by Dan Vado, with art and cover by Kevin West and Rick Burchett. $1.25

HAWKMAN ANNUAL #1

ICON #6

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #56
The League is ambushed in their headquarters by bizarre terrorists who intend to destroy them. Taken by surprise, the heroes just may fall before their foes. Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, pencilled by Ron Randall, and inked by Roy Richardson. Cover by Randall. $1.25

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #48
In the dramatic conclusion of "Mordru Rises," the Legion's been buried alive by Mordru and only Devlin and The White Witch remain to face the evil sorcerer. Weakened and battered, Mysa must confront her past to defeat her estranged, abusive husband Mordru before he mystically remakes the entire galaxy. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #102
Prester Jon, of Team Titans, literally travels into Cyborg to search for Victor Stone's mind. What he finds comes as a shock to everyone, especially the Monsieur Mallah, The Brain, and Rita Farr impostors! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Bill Jaaska. *(New Format)* $1.75

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THE NEW TITANS #102

☐ **RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #3**
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
In her quest to bring New Orleans to its knees, Marinette, the voodoo spirit of vengeance, turns an exclusive country club into a slaughterhouse. But as Ragman battles the bloodthirsty entity, danger strikes even closer to home. Written by Elaine Lee, with art by Gabriel Morrissette. Cover by Joe Kubert. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **SUPERMAN #82 Collector's Edition**
The record-breaking Superman phenomenon reaches its shattering climax in a special issue enhanced with a chromium front cover and no ads. At long last, the one true Man of Steel stands revealed. And among the other Supermen, sacrifices are made...and traitors defeated! Written by Dan Jurgens, with art and **chromium cover** by Jurgens and Brett Breeding. 32 pages of story, with no ads! $3.50

☐ **SUPERMAN #82 Newsstand Edition**
The Newsstand Edition contains the same stunning 32-page story (plus ads) by Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding as the Collector's Edition, but with a different cover by Jurgens and Breeding. 40 pages. $2.00

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #3

☐ **ZATANNA #4**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The gloves are off as Zatanna uses her newly-increased magical powers to go against the ancient mystical menace of Xaos. But those new powers may not be enough to defeat this arcane menace. Written by Lee Marrs, with interior art and cover by Esteban Maroto. *(New Format)* $1.75

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☐ **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505 Collector's Edition**
This special issue features a holographic foil-enhanced cover that celebrates Superman's return to Metropolis and to Lois. But how do they explain to the world what has happened? Written by Karl Kesel, with art and holographic foil-enhanced cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. $2.50

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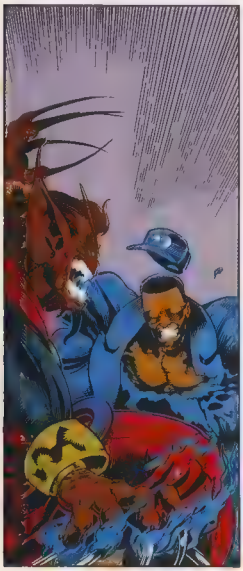
ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #505 Newsstand Edition
The Newsstand Edition contains the same exciting story by Karl Kesel, Tom Grummett, and Doug Hazlewood as the Collector's Edition, but with a different cover by Grummett and Hazlewood. $1.50

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #53
Part 2 of the 2-part "Tao": The rivalry between Batman and the martial arts assassin Dragon becomes a duel to the death as Dragon moves to slay his target in Gotham City's Chinatown. Written by Alan Grant, with interior art and cover by Arthur Ranson. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

BLOOD SYNDICATE #7
Wise Son's family comes to the Dead Zone, just as the Demon Fox begins his/her attack! Plus, Brickhouse is plagued by strange convulsions, and Holocaust returns! Writen by Ivan Vélez, Jr., with interior art and cover by Chriscross and John Lowe. $1 50



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BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #53

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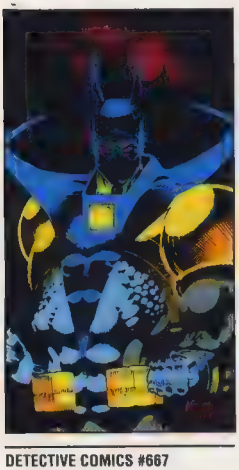
DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #2
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from HAWKMAN ANNUAL #1. As the alien parasite Venev cuts a gory swath of destruction across France, she comes head to head with Deathstroke. This tale finally answers the question of where Deathstroke gets his hardware, as we meet weaponsmith Gunther von Horn... just in time for him to be slaughtered by Venev! And when Von Horn's 22-year-old son Andrew recovers from Venev's attack, he becomes *Gunfire,* the latest infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. **BLOODLINES continues in ECLIPSO ANNUAL #1.** Written by Len Wein, with art by Steve Erwin and and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck and John Statema. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

DETECTIVE COMICS #667
"Knightquest: The Crusade," following the adventures of the new Batman, begins, spinning out of BATMAN #500! The Trigger Twins, a pair of homicidal maniacs, show up in Gotham City looking for work... and they find plenty. Meanwhile, Batman discovers a secret new vehicle in the Batcave, and Robin finds he's been locked out of the cave — by Batman. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

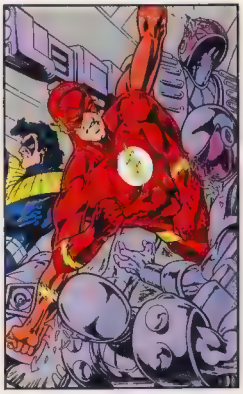


DETECTIVE COMICS #667

DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #2

FLASH #83
The Combine's parting gift to Keystone City is a massively destructive bomb—hidden somewhere within the city—and Flash, Nightwing, and Starfire have only ten minutes to find it! Plus, Wally and Linda reach a turning point in their relationship. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.25

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #59
Phase and the L.E.G.I.O.N. are called in to defend one of their client worlds from a wandering tribe of interstellar barbarians. But Phase is torn between fulfilling her mission against the barbarians... or siding with them! Plus, Vril Dox goes on baby-sitting detail. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75



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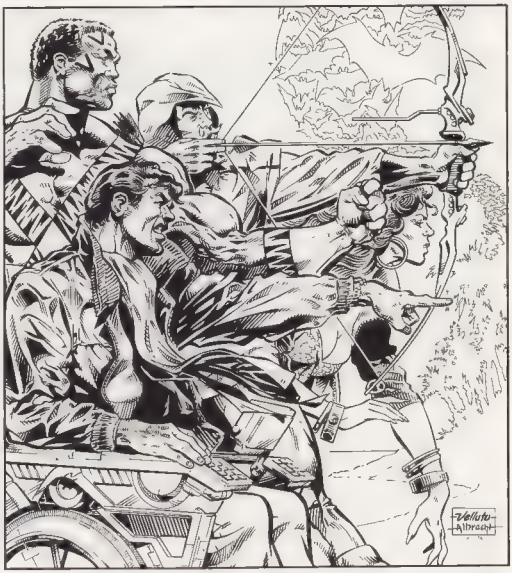
☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #5**

"Knightquest: The Search," following the adventures of Bruce Wayne, begins, spinning out of BATMAN #500: Bruce Wayne is joined by Green Arrow, Gypsy, and Bronze Tiger as they form a Task Force to search the island of Santa Prisca for Robin's missing father. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. Cover by Velluto. $1.25

☐ **THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ARCHIVES Volume 3**

The third volume of this highly-acclaimed Archives series includes classic stories featuring the Legion of Substitute Heroes, the Legion of Super-Pets, Lex Luthor, and the first appearances of Lone Wolf (later Timber Wolf), Spider Girl, and the Heroes of Lallor. Stories include "The Eight Impossible Missions," "The Revolt of the Girl Legionnaires," "The Revenge of the Knave from Krypton," and ten others, by such creators as Edmond Hamilton, Jerry Siegel, and Curt Swan. Cover by Karl Kesel. 224 pages. *(Hardcover book)* $39.95



JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #5

☐ **METAMORPHO #3**

(of a 4-issue miniseries)

Metamorpho's search for the Orb of Ra ends in Casablanca, where he must battle one of his own kind to save the life of his son! But to this elemental menace, the problems of two people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world! Written by Mark Waid, with art by Graham Nolan and Ron Boyd. Cover by Nolan. $1.50

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METAMORPHO #3

OCTOBER COVER DATE

SHOWCASE '93 #10
(of a 12-issue limited series)
In "Armageddon," the conclusion of a 2-part adventure **guest-starring the new Batman**, the Huntress stalks a gang of crazed, murdering survivalists in a Colorado blizzard, in a story by Doug Moench, with art by Bill Willingham and Terry Austin. The action in "Big Black Smoke," continues in Part V of "The Kobra Kronicles," as Dr. Light joins Peacemaker, Deathstroke, and Katana to invade Kobra's Japanese headquarters, by Mike Baron and drawn by Cary Nord and José Marzan Jr. The Martian Manhunter faces a new kind of urban tragedy in the final story, written by Len Wein, with art by Stuart Immonen and Robert Santiago. Cover by Paul Gulacy. 48 pages. $1.95

STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #52
Stepping into 1940s San Francisco, Picard and Dr. Crusher prepare to solve a new holodeck mystery. But this seemingly innocent pastime has perilous consequences for the entire crew. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Pablo Marcos. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN "S"-SHIELD PIN
The "Reign of the Supermen" storyline has concluded...and the excitement of the four monthly Superman books continues. Be a part of it with the brand-new sculpted SUPERMAN "S"-SHIELD PIN! This nickel-plated, silver-finished pin with a safety-pin fastener is the perfect item for every avid Superman reader. And these days, who isn't? $6.95

SHOWCASE '93 #10

TEAM TITANS #13
A major new storyline looking at time travel and the Team Titans begins as The Leader's experiment in time travel reveals far-reaching repercussions from prehistoric times to the present day... and possibly beyond. Written by Jeffrey Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art by Jimenez and Will Blyberg. Cover by Jimenez. *(New Format)* $1.75

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ACTION COMICS #692
Superman's back! But his return raises questions, including the most compelling: *What will be the fate of the other Supermen?* Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #13
Lives hang in the balance as Batman circles the globe in a race against time... and another deadly competitor: Talia, the daughter of Ra's al Ghul! Written by Kelley Puckett, with interior art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.25

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #19
"Knightquest: The Crusade" continues, following the adventures of the new Batman: Pity Gotham City's criminals as Batman, flushed with his newfound power, begins an all-out war. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Bret Blevins. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

CATWOMAN #3
On the island nation of Santa Prisca, Catwoman tracks her would-be assassin and, in the process, discovers clues to the origin of Bane. Written by Jo Duffy, with interior art and cover by Jim Balent and Dick Giordano. $1.50

THE DARKSTARS #13
The syndicate decides to eliminate the threat of Earth's Darkstars by striking at Colos and his deputies with one of their own. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mitch Byrd and Ken Branch. *(New Format)* $1.75

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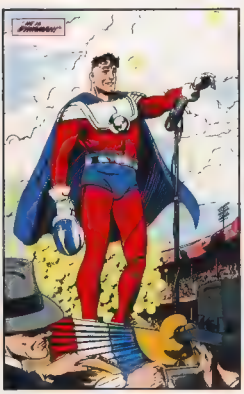
ECLIPSO ANNUAL #1
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover event continues from DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL #1. Eclipso discovers the alien parasites' insidious plan... along with the location of their hidden vessel. After a brutal battle with Angon, Eclipso attempts to usurp the parasite's powers for himself. Plus, at the exploding heart of a solar reactor, an angry young man is transformed into *Prism*, the latest infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. **BLOODLINES continues in THE DEMON ANNUAL #1.** Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art by David G. Klein and Ray Kryssing. 64 pages. $2.50

THE GOLDEN AGE #2
(of a 4-book miniseries)
This *Elseworlds* tale of DC's first generation of heroes continues as Green Lantern, Johnny Quick, Starman, and Hourman find personal and political pressures tempting them to become super-heroes again. Meanwhile, the Americommando uses his power and influence to create the first super-hero for the Atomic Age. And Paul Kirk, the former Manhunter, finds both an ally and his old skills returning as he continues to battle a faceless legion of pursuers. Written by James Robinson, with art and **gold foil-embossed cover** by Paul Smith and Richard Ory. *(48 pages. Prestige Format)* $4.95



THE GOLDEN AGE #2

GREEN ARROW #79
Green Arrow is caught between a rock and a hard place as two groups want to put him away for good — the local police and the CIA. One group wants him run out of town or thrown into jail. The other just wants him *dead*. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Bill Marimon and John Nyberg. Cover by Grell. *(New Format)* $1.75

GUY GARDNER #13
Part 3 of the 4-part "Guy Gardner: Year One—Yesterday's Sins": The modern-day Guy teams with his teenaged counterpart against a gang of killers. He'll come out of it either a better man... or dead! Written by Chuck Dixon, with interior art and cover by Joe Staton and Terry Beatty. $1.25

GUY GARDNER #13

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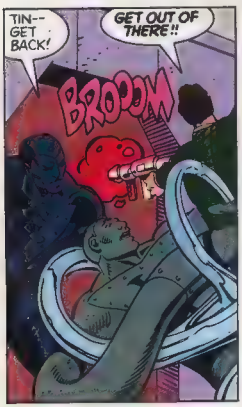
JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #57
The League is routed, its headquarters in ruins, all at the bidding of the mysterious leader of a worldwide conspiracy of terror. After this adventure, two members leave for good. Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs and pencilled by Ron Randall. Cover by Randall. $1.25

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #5
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
In the penultimate chapter of this *Elseworlds* future epic, Kamandi and the centuries-old Superman take on Ben Boxer and his team of cybernetic vigilantes... for the sake of this Earth's future. Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barreiro. Cover by Gomez. *(New Format)* $1.75

METAL MEN #1
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Disturbing secrets long buried are brought to light. When a strange meteor crashes on Earth, Doc Will Magnus reluctantly sends out his cybernetic sextet, the Metal Men, to retrieve it. But someone else wants the meteor and is willing to destroy the team to get it. Written by Mike Carlin, with art and **multicolored foil-enhanced cover** by Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding. $2.50

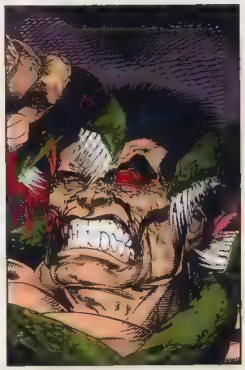


METAL MEN #1

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #5

SCARLETT #10
Part 1 of the 5-part "Blood of the City": The secrets of the Scarlett Redeemer begin to unfold as Scarlett arrives in a Houston strangely devoid of life. But she finds plenty of action beneath the streets, as Montero battles Sligoth, the unholy lurker below. Written by Tom Joyner and K.S. Wilson, with interior art and cover by Jim Fern. *(New Format)* $1.75

STATIC #5
A super-powered mad bomber, Commando X, has sown discord in Dakota between the city's African-Americans and its Jews. As tensions rise past the point of no return, Static must squelch a riot while contending with Commando X's psychokinetically-triggered bombs. Written by Robert L. Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. $1.50



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THE PHANTOM STRANGER #1

TRUE CONFESSIONS IN *HELLBLAZER SPECIAL*

John Constantine is, first and foremost, a man of mystery — but in this self-contained special, one of his darkest secrets is revealed at last. A seemingly random encounter with an old man triggers painful memories of the day a teenaged Constantine narrowly escaped a horrific death at the man's hands. In the shadows of a London church, Constantine learns a terrible truth about the old man's relationship to the First of the Fallen, ruler of Hell, who holds Constantine's ultimate fate in the palm of his hand.

The critically acclaimed HELLBLAZER team of Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon discloses another jagged piece of the puzzle called John Constantine in a wrenching tale that serves as a perfect entry point into the HELLBLAZER series. Ennis describes it as "a nasty story that's appalled just about everyone who's heard it."

HELLBLAZER SPECIAL #1 also features a special pinup section showcasing work by Charles Vess, Glenn Fabry, Richard Case, David Lloyd, Steve Pugh, Will Simpson, Phil Winslade, and others.

HELLBLAZER SPECIAL #1 is a 64-page one-shot with a painted cover by Glenn Fabry.

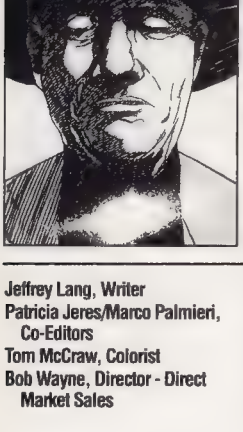
WHEN YOU MEET A STRANGER...

Old age can be its own kind of hell—just ask the tormented residents of the Paradise Gardens Retirement Home. Loneliness can be worse than purgatory—just ask Naomi, a young woman working her first nightshift at the home. But all that is about to change, because tonight is the night Naomi is going to meet a Stranger...

In VERTIGO VISIONS–THE PHANTOM STRANGER, novelist Alisa Kwitney (*Till The Fat Lady Sings*) and artist Guy Davis (SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE) show a very different side to one of the oldest and most mysterious characters in the DC Universe.

"Gerontion" is the story of an old-age home where evil has soaked into the very woodwork, and where nothing is as it appears. It is a place where nothing, and no one, can be trusted. Especially not a Stranger.

VERTIGO VISIONS–THE PHANTOM STRANGER is a 64-page one-shot and features a painted cover by John Bolton.



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☐ **BLACK ORCHID #2**
To evade the agents of a mysterious and sinister corporation, Black Orchid must test the limits of her mind-manipulating abilities. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Jill Thompson and Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO #3**
(of a 5-issue miniseries)
Having narrowly escaped the hangman's noose, Hex sets out with a dead friend to learn the secret of the Mojo Man's travelling freak show. Written by Joe R. Lansdale, with art by Timothy Truman and Sam Glanzman, and full-process color by Sam Parsons. Painted cover by Truman. *(32 pages. No ads. Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.95

☐ **SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #7**
In Act 3 of a four-act drama, more heads tumble free of shoulders as Dian becomes enmeshed in The Face's machinations, even as Wesley unearths more clues about the identity of the master assassin. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by John Watkiss. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #40**
Shrieking pillows, a grinding mattress, a rock star, a look-alike lost love, and a nasty stain...all in "In Bed with Shade." Take a shower! Written by Peter Milligan, and featuring guest artists Glyn Dillon and Phillip Bond. Painted cover by Chris Bachalo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #40

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☐ **HELLBLAZER #70**
Back home in Ireland, a troubled Kit struggles to adjust to life without John Constantine, but finds that the shadow of the magus is not easily shaken. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **KID ETERNITY #6**
Hide the remote control and make the cable company yank the line out of the wall! The Kid has discovered the power of TV, and the airwaves are no longer safe! Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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THE SANDMAN #54
It's Neil Gaiman's revival of Prez, as the stranded travellers in the Inn at the Worlds' End experience a synoptic gospel about the first teenaged president of the United States. Written by Neil Gaiman, with framing sequence art by Bryan Talbot & Mark Buckingham and main story art by Michael Allred, creator of *Madman* and artist of VERTIGO VISIONS—THE GEEK. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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ANIMAL MAN #64
The kids at Maxine's school learn that it isn't just rude to tease her, it can be downright dangerous. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

ENIGMA #8
(of an 8-issue miniseries)
The last enigma is revealed for Michael Smith and us as The Enigma composes himself for the final confrontation with his greatest foe. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Duncan Fegredo and full-process color by Sherilyn van Valkenburgh. Painted cover by Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

THE LAST ONE #4
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Mrywann relives events from the late 19th century when he was a literary outcast shunned by the staid and morally uptight Victorians. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Dan Sweetman. Painted cover by Sweetman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN #4
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
In conclusion of this riveting miniseries, Oakes finds the maniacal skinslayer and the battle of tattoos begins, with the outcome leaving scars much more than skin deep... especially for Yuko. Written by Jerry Prosser, with art and fully painted color by Warren Pleece. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

VERTIGO VISIONS—THE PHANTOM STRANGER #1
He is the one who walks between Sulfur and the Sky, the unexpected ally at the crossroads, and among the most mysterious characters in the DC Universe—the Phantom Stranger. Novelist and former assistant editor Alisa Kwitney and SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE artist Guy Davis give this classic supernatural character a new look in this surreal tale. Naomi is the newly hired assistant at a diabolical nursing home where nothing is what it appears to be and no one can be trusted—least of all, a Stranger. Painted cover by John Bolton. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $3.50

VERTIGO VISIONS—THE PHANTOM STRANGER #1

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SWAMP THING #136
As Swamp Thing and Lady Jane commune in the Green, Arcane strikes against Abby. Plus, a bizarre transformation takes place for Dr. Polygon. This issue lays the groundwork for a story that establishes a new direction for Swamp Thing. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Russell Braun and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format)* $1.95

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DOOM PATROL #71
Cliff faces a shocking revelation about his past, the Doom Patrol meets Coagula, and Dorothy Spinner signs on with the Wild Girls. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Linda Medley and Tom Sutton. Photo cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE EXTREMIST #2
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The story flashes back two years ago to when Jack began his provocative role as the Extremist and Judy was a trusting, unsuspecting wife. Jack's shocking relationship with Patrick and the mysterious events leading up to his murder are revealed. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Ted McKeever. Painted cover by McKeever. *(Suggested for mature readers. THE EXTREMIST explores mature themes and contains strong sexual content. New Format.)* $1.95

THE EXTREMIST #2

SWAMP THING #136

HELLBLAZER SPECIAL #1
A chance encounter on a London street triggers painful memories of a deeply disturbed man who tried to kill Constantine twenty years ago. This self-contained story reveals the secret of a traumatic event from Hellblazer's youth, one that will have a profound impact on his ongoing war with the First of the Fallen. Also featuring a portfolio section showcasing work by Charles Vess, Richard Case, Steve Pugh, Will Simpson, Phil Winslade, Glenn Fabry, David Lloyd and others. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $3.95

HELLBLAZER SPECIAL #1

HITTING THE *STREETS*

In the tradition of classic hard-boiled crime fiction comes STREETS, a trilogy of sophisticated suspense stories that offers a raw and gritty approach to the underside of urban life, taking an unflinching look at subjects like teenage runaways, prostitution, pornography, and police corruption.

James D. Hudnall, writer of THE PSYCHO, THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY OF LEX LUTHOR and Ultraverse's *Hardcase*, teams up with three cutting-edge artists who provide STREETS with striking, fully-painted art. Notes editor Archie Goodwin, "Anyone looking to get in on the ground floor for exciting new artists should be looking in on STREETS."

In the first issue, "Tenderloin," Nick Darrow, a burned-out homicide detective haunted by a broken marriage and an alcoholic past, investigates the murder of a teenage prostitute with the help of his eager young rookie partner, Lisa Parks. Darrow's investigations lead him toward corrupt cops as he plays a dangerous game to draw out a possible serial killer! Each issue in this 3-issue Prestige Format series is a complete crime novel, all sharing the same San Francisco setting. A character with a small role in one novel takes center stage in the next, providing readers with a sense of continuity throughout the series.

John Estes paints "Tenderloin," the first issue; #2, "Procurement," illustrated by Robert Ortaleza, involves a con-artist's elaborate scam on a pornography-obsessed millionaire. The plan backfires when the mob moves in with plans of its own; and #3 concludes the series with "Paper Rain," with art by John McCrea, as a female security guard unwittingly gives privileged information to her boyfriend, which he uses to commit a robbery. After he abandons her, she sets out to ruin his life in return.

STREETS is a 3-issue Prestige Format miniseries by writer James D. Hudnall, this first book featuring painted art and cover by John Estes. STREETS is suggested for mature readers.

Readers looking for a new kind of raw and gritty thrill should keep an eye out for STREETS.

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☐ **STREETS #1**
(of a 3-book miniseries)
Each issue of this 3-issue miniseries is a complete novel in the hard-boiled crime story vein, written by James D. Hudnall and fully painted by three different artists. Homicide detective Nick Darrow, haunted by a broken marriage and an alcoholic past, investigates the slaying of a teenaged prostitute in "Tenderloin." With the help of rookie Lisa Parks, he plays a dangerous game to draw out a possible serial killer. Written by James Hudnall, with painted art and painted cover by John Estes. *(Suggested for mature readers. Prestige Format.)* $4.95